

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the Office Action mailed on November 15, 2008.

Claims 20-30 are currently pending in this application, with claims 20, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30 being independent. *No new matter has been added.*

Reexamination in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Article 19 Amendment

PCT Rule 19(1) provides in-part that “the applicant shall, after having received the international search report, be entitled to one opportunity to amend the claims of the international application by filing amendments with the International Bureau within the prescribed time limit.”

Here, a review of the website for USPTO confirms receipt along with the application papers filed on January 24, 2006 of “*Amended Claims under Article 19*”. A copy of the cover sheet for the “*Amended Claims under Article 19*” is provided as an attachment to the present Amendment.

Here, practice and procedures within the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dictate for the numbering of claims found within the present Amendment to begin with the number next following the highest numbered claim previously presented within the “*Amended Claims under Article 19*”. 37 C.F.R. §1.126. Accordingly, newly-added claims 20-30 are presented for review within the present Amendment.

Claim rejections

While not conceding the propriety of the rejections previously made and in order to advance the prosecution of the present application, the previously rejected claims have been canceled.

Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Newly-added claims

In the rejection of the claims, the Office Action has placed reliance upon Japanese Application Publication No. 2000-205891 (Muramatsu), U.S. Patent No. 6,542,811 (Doi), and Japanese Application Publication No. 2003-070514 (Tanaka).

Claims 20-23 - Claims 21-23 are dependent upon claim 20.

Muramatsu, Doi, and Tanaka, either individually or as a whole, fail to disclose, teach, or suggest an information processing apparatus *wherein the first informing means has means for informing the user of the first picture information and the second picture information through the first vibration button and the second vibration button, respectively.*

Claim 24 - Muramatsu, Doi, and Tanaka, either individually or as a whole, fail to disclose, teach, or suggest an information processing apparatus *wherein the first informing means has a plurality of vibration buttons that vibrate user's fingers, and means for varying the state of the vibration according to at least one of the route information, the first picture information, and the second picture information.*

Claim 25 - Muramatsu, Doi, and Tanaka, either individually or as a whole, fail to disclose, teach, or suggest an information processing apparatus *wherein the first informing means has a plurality of vibration buttons that vibrate user's fingers, and means for outputting information in combination of vibration states of the vibration buttons.*

Claim 26 - Muramatsu, Doi, and Tanaka, either individually or as a whole, fail to disclose, teach, or suggest an information processing apparatus:

wherein the portable device has a main body that has a first surface and a second surface opposite to the first surface, means for storing position information of a predetermined facility as the map information, and means for informing the facility of the user's physiological state according to a user's operation input,

wherein the route setting means has means for setting a route from the user's present position to the informed facility according to a user's operation input signal.

Claim 27 - Muramatsu, Doi, and Tanaka, either individually or as a whole, *fail* to disclose, teach, or suggest a portable device having a *first vibration button and a second vibration button that are disposed on the first surface and the second surface of the main body, that vibrate user's fingers so as to inform route information that has been set, and that vibrate user's' fingers so as to inform the user's first picture information on the route and the user's second picture information on the route, respectively.*

Claim 28 - Muramatsu, Doi, and Tanaka, either individually or as a whole, *fail* to disclose, teach, or suggest an information processing method that includes a step of *informing the user of the user's first picture information on the route and the user's second picture information on the route through the first vibration button and the second vibration button, respectively.*

Claim 29 - Muramatsu, Doi, and Tanaka, either individually or as a whole, *fail* to disclose, teach, or suggest a portable device having a *first vibration button and a second vibration button that are disposed on the first surface and the second surface of the main body, that vibrate user's fingers so as to inform the user of at least route information that has been set of the route information, the user's first picture information on the route and the user's second picture information on the route with vibration, and that vary the state of the vibration according to at least one of the route information, the first picture information, and the second picture information.*

Claim 30 - Muramatsu, Doi, and Tanaka, either individually or as a whole, *fail* to disclose, teach, or suggest an information processing method that includes a step of *varying the state of the vibration according to at least one of the route information, the first picture information, and the second picture information.*

Allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Official Notice

There is no concession as to the veracity of Official Notice, if taken in any Office Action.

An affidavit or document should be provided in support of any Official Notice taken. 37 CFR 1.104(d)(2), MPEP § 2144.03. See also, *Ex parte Natale*, 11 USPQ2d 1222, 1227-1228 (Bd. Pat. App. & Int. 1989)(failure to provide any objective evidence to support the challenged use of Official Notice constitutes clear and reversible error).

Extensions of time

Please treat any concurrent or future reply, requiring a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time.

Fees

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees filed, asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge all required fees, fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.17, or all required extension of time fees.

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Conclusion

This response is believed to be a complete response to the Office Action.

Applicants reserve the right to set forth further arguments supporting the patentability of their claims, including the separate patentability of the dependent claims not explicitly addressed herein, in future papers.

For the foregoing reasons, all the claims now pending in the present application are allowable, and the present application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reexamination and reconsideration of the application in light of the remarks is courteously solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone Brian K. Dutton, Reg. No. 47,255, at 202-955-8753.

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AMENDMENT

(Amended Claims under Article 19)

Replacement Sheets for Claims

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Title: INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS, PORTABLE
DEVICE, AND INFORMATION PROCESSING METHOD

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